

The Alphabet

of Prayers,
verie fruitefull to be ex-
ercised and vsed of
euery Christian
Man.

Newly collected and set forth
by Iames Cancellor.

Secne and allowed according
to the *Queenes Injunctions.*

Inke, m.
Every one þat hath receyued,
and he that teacheth synneth.

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Ecclesiasticus. 10.
The glorie of the Honorable, is
to feare God.

*To the Right high
and Honorable, and
my Singular and ve-
ry good Lorde, Lorde
Robert Dudley, Earle
of Leiceſter,
Baron of Denbigh, and
Knight of the moſte
Noble order of the
Garter.*

*THE CHIEFE AND
Principall thing (moſte
Noble Earle,) appertay-
ning to euey Honorable
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Personage (which thing it is good to see that your Honor doth well consider) is to walke in the garden of Humility, & the high or direct way to the same, is to passe by the gate of Vertue, whose foundation is ancred and linked to the feare & loue of God: for as by the one is couered the multitude of sinnes, so by the other is obtained blessednesse, wisdom, & knowledge. David that noble King and Prophet, after that he had long traueyled and had passed thorow the gate of Vertue, entred the faire and pleasant Garden of Humilitie: And his walking and continuance therein, so much pleased God, that God syde of him by the mouth

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mouth of his Prophet : I will set up
thy seede after thee, which shall pro-
ceede out of thy bodye. Which sen-
tence, most worthy Earle (although not
spoke of your noble Parētage) in your
Honour maye be approoued, which I
doubt not your Honour considereth.
Knowing therefore moste Honoura-
ble, the great loue and affection
which your Honor euer hath and
doth beare to Vertue and good Ee-
ters, I was thereby mooued the more
boldly, after I had gathered together
this small handfull of Flowers (na-
med the Alphabet of Prayers) to de-
dicate the same to your Honor, as the
fruite of my labours, nothing doub-
ting

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ring, but that it shall most acceptably come into your favourable and sure protection. And for so much as Prayer is the key that openeth to Vertue, I thought good most Honorable, to set forth to the open shewe of the worlde, and to the increase of Vertue, this little Volume or Treatise, most humbly beseeching your Honor to accept it as my good will, craving your pardon if any thing have escaped mee for want of learning. And I, according to my bounden dutie, shall call dayly (with my most humble and heartie Prayers) to almighty God, to finishe that he hath begunne in you, with prosperous

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rous preservation of your helth, long
so live in honor, joy, and felicity. Amen.

James Cancellor wisheth
continuall health.



It is good for every estate
These few lines to imitate.

R	Remember thy calling.
O	Obe thy Prince.
B	Beware of ambition.
A	Avenge not thy cause.
R	Regard thine estate.
T	Take counsell of the wise.

D	Deserve no evil reporte.
V	Use Iustice.
D	Defend the right.
L	Let wisdom rule thee.
E	Embrace Honour.
Y	Yelde to Truth.

To the Reader.

It is written (gentle Reader,) that in the beginning in y^e days of Seth the sonne of Adam, the people first began to invoke and call on the name of God, which is to saye, by deuoute prayer they did require and aske all things of him, praised him, trusted in him, and gaue to him the honor and worship that belonged vnto him.

And this manner of praying,

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ing, was vsed amonge the
Fathers from Noe, vnto
comming of Christ: And
they did frequent and vse
the same as a special mean
and waye to craue of God,
his mercie, his grace, & bys
assistance.

By Prayer also they did
set forth the glorie of God,
appeased his wrath and dis-
pleasure, and rendred him
thanks for his benefites re-
ceined. Christ our Saviour
after his comming taught
it

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It also, as a most necessarie
and comfortable Doctrine,
wherby we might craue of
his heauenlye Father, not
onely all things necessarie
and needefull for vs, (as ap-
pereth in his prayer taught
to his Disciples,) but also
forgiuenes of sinnes, to the
attainement of eternal life.
And therefore may we well
say, that as the ble therof is
worthy praise, so is h want
thereof to be lamented. For
where as prayer is not fre-
quented,

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mented, there God is not called vpon for his grace and assistance, neyther is he thanked for his gracious benefites: the free gifte of his mercie is not desired, neyther is the horrible punishment of his iustice feared.

Right well therefore may we in this our age (wherein sinne so much aboundeth, & the ordinarie vse and time and place of prayer so much neglected) lament the lacke of the vse thereof in all degrees,

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græs, with the loose lyfe of
men, which is so frayle, so
weake, so peruerse of na-
ture, and so prone to euill,
that almost none in maner
sheweth in liuing to feare
GOD. Who is afearde to
offende him: or who restrai-
neth to blasphemie his holpe
name: who seeketh to sub-
due the fleshe to the spirite:
yea rather, who seeketh not
to lape the byrde of libertie
at length, freelye and with-
out stay to follow suine, be-
cause

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cause whereof is (as I haue
sayde) the want of true and
vnfeyned calling on GOD
in deuout Prayer: For by
it, is wrought in vs the hate
of sinne, and by it, is driuen
from vs, all other occasions
that might prouoke y^e wrath
of God vpon vs. And there-
fore it maye be called our
spéedie messenger or trustie
Ambassadour, which doth
obtainne for vs a gracious
audience before the maiesty
of God, presenting to him
the

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the fruites of our contritie
hearts.

But who may not nowe
trow: If thou (gentle reader)
rightly say to the woꝛlde, as
Jonas said to the Ninuetes:
There is yet foꝛte dayes, &
the woꝛld shal be destroyed.

The Ninuetes as soone as
the Prophete had proclay-
med destruction to come on
them foꝛ their sinne, they
immediately at the first cri-
yng of him, with trembling
and feare turned to God, be-
lieued

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leued him, feared his iustice
confessed their sinnes, and
with penitent harts craved
his mercie. But thou, O
Englande, whome it hath
pleased God to call, not by
the mouth of one man, as he
did y^e Ninuetes, but he hath
called thee by diuers other
and sundry meanes: as first
by giuing thee a moste ver-
tuons Quene, who for hir
worshipping of god and set-
ting forth his name & glory,
may be compared with Jo-
siah

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Isaiah King of Iuda: for his
vertues, pollicie, and wis-
dome, with y^e death, and for
the cares toward his people
with humble Request.

He hath not (as y^e saye)
called the by this his good
gift of so merciful and gra-
tious audience, but also
hath called the by the plea-
ches of his word, by death
and famine, other wise by
fire both Hebrew, by moti-
on of warre, and lastly by
mortalitie of pestilence, yet

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nothing (O England) doest
thou regarde bys calling:
wherefore to thee it may be
sayde: the more hee seeketh
thee, the more thou shunnest
him: the more he loneth thee,
the lesse thou regardest him,
the more thou needest him,
the lesse thou thinkest on
him: so that by thy great
unkindnesse God is com-
pelled to say vnto thee, as he
sayde to the Israelites: I
am ouerwaryed with bea-
ring and long suffering of
thy

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thy wicked & sinfull liuing.

If thou therefore doe desire
to be free from the horrible
plagues and threatnings of
God, thou must like a true
Ninivete, with a broken and
penitent heart, call on God
with continuall prayer, cra-
uing of hym his mercye,
grace and assistance, which
if thou aske wth a true sayth,
he will graunt it thee. And
therefore when thou doest
praye, thou must (after the
minde of the Apostle) aske

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With a stedfast fayth, not
wauering nor doubtful, and
thy request shall be graun-
ted thee. He therefore that
asketh as he ought, recey-
ueth; and hee seeketh well
that seeketh with continuall
desire: and he knocketh well
which doth prouoke Gods
goodnesse to heare him, as
did the woman of Cananie,
vnto whome Chryste sayde,
after hir petition made: **W**
oman great is thy faith,
be it vnto thee euen as thou
hast

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hast desired.

Thus (gentle Reader) if thou loue thy health, if thou long to be acceptable to god, if thou desire to be sure from the greymes of the Demill, from the stormes of this Worlde, from the waye of thine enemies, if thou reueret to be happie at the last, let no daye passe thee, but that thou once at the least doe present thy selfe to God by Prayer: And sallynge downe before him with an

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humble affecte of deuoute
minde (not from the extre-
mitie of the lippes only, but
out of the inwarde nelle of
the hearte,) crye wth the
Prophet: O Lord, the of-
fences of my youth & mine
ignorance, remember thou
not: but after thy mercye
and goodnesse, O Lord, re-
member thou me. And thus
the holy spirite that prayeth
for thee, and eke thine vlti-
me necessitie shall euerpe houre
put thee in minde what thou
shalt

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Thalt pray for, and what you
shall desire of God.

Who therefore that will
persist & continue in prayer,
shall not onely be vnto God
daily more and more grate-
full and acceptable, but shall
also daylie procéde further
and further from vertue to
vertue, & shall be made like
vnto the heauenlye and An-
gelicall mindes, whiche day-
lie beholde the presence of
God. And bicause all the fe-
licitie of the soule standeth

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in the clære beholdinge of
the fruition of God, and for
that our felicitie shall be e-
uerlasting with him, let vs
reioyce & say with the Pro-
phet: Thou shalt, O Lorde,
fill vs full of gladnesse with
thee, which is no more but
that our felicitie is fulfilled
in the seeing and beholdinge
of God and our nature in
Christ, sitting in the heauen
on the right hande of his
Father, so that our rewarde
is, that we may behold god
and

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**and Iesus Christ his sonne,
whome he hath sent: to
the which rewarde, he
bryngs vs & sitteth
there and pray
eth for vs.**

Amen.



Certayne Sentences
set forth after the order
of the Alphabet.

Aske with a sure fayth.
Be feruent in Prayer.
Confesse thy sinnes.
Doe well to all men.
Enuie no man.
Forgiue them that hate thee.
Giue almes to the Poore.
Hurt not thine Enemie.
In aduersitie be pacient.
Keepe the Commaundements.
Loue Vertue and hate Vice.
Mourne with them that mourne.
Neuer be ashamed of well doing.
Obey God and thy Prince.
Put the feare of God before thee.
Quicken thy selfe in Gods promyses.
Remember the ende ere thou begin.
Succour the poore and needy.
To all men be indifferent.
Vse often and heartie Prayer.

When you begin to pray, think
upon the remission of Sinnes
promised in Christ Iesu, and
let not this swete Sentence
spoke of our Saviour, be left
out of your remembrance.
which is, I saye unto you,
whatsoeuer you aske the Fa-
ther in my name, he will giue
you.

A Prayer for the Morning.

A Almighty and most
mercifull G D D,
I heartelye thanke
thee for the sleepe and quiet
rest, which vnder thy pro-
tection

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tection I haue receiued this
night, and for that it hath
pleased thee safely to bringe
mee to the beginning of this
daye: I wretched Sinner
moste humblye beseech thee
to defende, cherishe, com-
fort, and gouerne mee, and
all my counsailes, studies,
and labours, in such wyse,
that I maye spende and be-
stowe this day according to
thy most holy will, without
the hurting of my neighbor:
and that I maye euermore
by

of prayers:

by thy gouernance, doe that
is thy will & pleasure, hate
wronge, and loue Iustice,
Also I beseeche thee moste
mercifull God, strength and
keepe me in the Faith of the
catholike Church, and kin-
dle in me the loue and light
of thy holpe spirite, that I
maye walke in the brethe of
thy willo: de. Grant this
mercifull God, for thy
deare sonne Iesus
Christes sake.
Amen.

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The first Psalme,

wherein the penitent requi-
reth of God to walke in
his Commande-
ments.

Blessed are all those
that are undefiled in
the wayes of y^e Lord,
and blessed are they y^e keepe
his testimonies; and seeke
him with their whole heart.

Cause mee thy Creature
and handwork therfore (O
Lorde) diligentlve to keepe
thy

of prayers.

thy Commandements, and
so direct my wayes that I
may keepe thy statutes.

Doe so vnto thy seruant
(O Lorde) that I may litle
and keepe thy moſte holpe
Woꝛde.

Euē with my lippes will
I be tellinge of the iudge-
ments of thy mouth, that I
may haue delight in ſ waye
of thy Teſtimonies, as in al
maner of riches.

For ſo ſhall I not be con-
founde, while I haue re-
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ſpect vnto all thy Comaundements.

Giue mee vnderſtanding
(I beſeeche thee, O Lord)
and I ſhall keepe thy lawe:
yea, I ſhall keepe it with my
whole heart.

Hearre my voyce (O Lord)
according vnto thy louinge
kindneſſe: and quicken thou
mee, accordinge as thou art
wont.

O Lord, ſtabliſhe thy
worde in thy ſeruaunte,
that I maye feare thee: and
open

of prayers.

open thou mine eyes, that
I maye see the wonderous
things of thy law.

Glozy bee to the Father,
and to the Sonne, and to
the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall
bee, worlde with
out ende. A

men.



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Reward me not O lord,
according to my deser-
uing, but if thou doe, then
must I needes perish: wher-
fore to thee, I come moste
mercifull Father, not tru-
sting in mine owne righte-
ousnesse, but in thy great
mercie and promises made
in Christ Iesu thy Sonne:
For whose sake, O heauen-
lye Father, I humblye be-
seech thee to pardon and for-
giue

of prayers.

gillie mee all mine offences.

Amen.

O God my refuge and my
strength, which art the
Authour of all Goodnesse,
be ready to heare the deuout
prayers of thy seruant, that
those thinges which I aske
faithfully, I maye obtaine
effectuallye, thorow Iesus
Christ our Lorde. Amen.

Behold not good Lorde,
that which is amisse in
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me, for if thou do, I shall no
more be worthy to be called
thy Sonne: yet of thy great
goodnesse (O Lorde) poure
downe of the crummes that
fall from thy Childrens ta-
ble, that I maye be as the
least among them. Amen.

Assist mee thy Seruant
(O Lorde) against this
Woꝛlde, with all the vaine
pomp, pleasure and beautie
therof, & it maye be vnto me
as vile duste, filthinesse and
ashes,

of prayers.

as he, that I may vse it, as
though I vſed it not, & that
it may ſerue me, & I not it,
y I may take my part ther-
of vnto my neceſſity, y I do
not vse thy creatures volun-
tarily, but that I maye al-
ways liue (in this ſhort life)
righteouſly, ſoberly, & ſuſ-
t. Amen.

Remember not O Lord,
the number of my ſinns,
but according to the multi-
tude of thy mercies, ſeek her

me

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me from the paynes due for
them. Graunt this, O Fa-
ther, for thy deare sonne Je-
sus Chrysts sake. Amen.

Teach me good Lorde to
number my dayes, that
I maye applie my heart, to
learne thy Wisedome; and
so strengthen mee with thy
holy Spirit that I swaue
not from thy lawe. Amen.

Doe not wpth mee, O
Lorde, as I haue deser-
ued,

of prayers.

ued, but cal to remembꝛance
(for thy sonne Iesus christ's
sake) thy tender mercyes ,
whiche haue beene euer of
olde : and cast mee not from
thee , in thy heauie displea-
sure, least I be consumed &
brought to naught. Amen.

Vnto thee (O thou God
of my comfort) I wret-
ched Sinner doe come, cra-
uing of thee thy mercy: En-
cline therefore thyne Care
vnto my calling (O Lorde,)

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and

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and consider the request of
my hart, for Iesus Christes
sake. Amen.

Dear Father to whom
it is more easie to do all
things, thā for me to thinke
any one good thought, gyue
pouer vnto thy seruāt, that
I may with a strong sayth,
vanquish and subdue, what-
soever may cause mee to re-
bell against thy blessed will.
Amen.

Lord

of prayers. I

Lorde graunt unto mee
thy seruant the strength
of thy holy Spirit, to sub-
due the body of Sinne, with
the whole lusses therof, that
it may be made obedient in
will and minde to thy holpe
lawes. Amen.

Every one y sayth Lord,
Lord, shall not enter the
kingdome of heauē. Streng-
then therfore thy seruant. I
beseech thee (O Lord) with
the

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the power of thy right hand
against all the malignitie of
the olde wilie Serpent. Re-
plenishe my heart with thy
wisdome, and comfort thou
my soule wyth thy swete
promises made in christ Je-
su, & let thy mercyes couer
mine infirmities. Amen.

Ye these my Meditati-
ons (O Lorde) let thine
eares bee open, that thou
mayest heare the Prayers
which I thy Seruaunt doe
make

of prayers.

make before thee this daye.
And graunt that I maye al-
wayes aske of thee in suche
sort as thou requirest, to the
honour, prayse, and glozve
of thy name, to the furthe-
raunce of thy Word, to the
profite of my neighbor, and
to my consolation and com-
fort, thorow Jesu Christ
my Saviour and
Redeemer.

Amen.

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The second Psalm
of thanks giuing after
aduerſitie.

After y I had longe
looked for thee, O
Lord at the last thou
didst attende vnto me, and
heardest my prayers.

Blessed art thou Lord,
which hast not holden backe
thy mercy from thy seruant
but hast taken me out of the
lake of miseries, and set my
feete

of prayers.

sette vpon a rock, and made
my fteppes sure.

Conioyne thy selfe (O
God) vnto my soule, & make
it stronge, leaue mine ene-
mies ouercome me, and the
companies of Diabyles o-
uerwhelme me.

Dominion, power, and
glorie be thine, for thou hast
made al things: and bicause
thy will is so, they doe still
continue.

Euen thou, O Lord, hast
done many things, wonder-
full

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full and great : and there is none that can be like vnto thee in thy workes.

For thou helpest them, whose harts be broken with sorow : and bearest vp with thy hande, them that be contrite in spirite.

Goe not fro mee, O thou God of mercy: for y^e art my sure refuge & the strength of my hope.

Haue thou in remembrance (O Lorde) the rebuke that thy seruant hath bene put to :

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to : & how furiously my enemies haue persecuted me.

I haue tasted and felte of thy swētnesse : truely blessed is that mā that trusteth in thee.

Keepe thy mercie for mee (O Lord) my strength, & my prayse : thou hast brought down mine enemies, which art a iust iudge from the beginning.

Lozde, there shall no good thing be lacking to thē that seeke thee : & they that feare thee,

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thee, shall not be helpelesse.

My soule therfore that neuer cease to speake of thy benefites, which be so many that I cā not number them.

No man maye helpe mee
O Lord, but thou, who hast brought my Soule oute of Hell, and hast holpen me vp from falling into the deepe, from whence no man returneth.

O Lorde, thus hast thou reuenged the wronges that mine enemies haue done to me,

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me, thus haist thou bene my
comforte in the time of my
trouble, and hast bene mer-
cifull vnto me.

Put alwaye from mee, O
Lorde, that which is euill,
for thou art holpe, and saue
thy seruant which euer hath
trusted in thee.

Quicken me in thy righ-
teousnesse, and so shall I
triumph and reioyce in thy
mercy, for that thou hast lo-
ked vpon my necessities, &
hast regarded my soule in

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my great distresse.

Remember Lorde, that thou of thine owne will and minde diddest giue strength vnto my soule : but when thou hiddest thy face from me, I was astonied.

Sende forth therefore (O Lorde) thy light and thy truth : and they shall leade me vnto thy holye Hill, and into thy holy Tabernacle.

Then shall I haue ioye for the dayes wherin I was in sorow; and shall reioyce, that

of prayers.

that thou hast remembred
the rebuke that thy seruant
hath bene put to.

Verilye, I was afrayde
that thou (O Lord) haddest
cast me out of thy presence:
yet it hath pleased thee to
heare my Prayers, and ac-
cording to thy great mercy,
hast taken mee againe vnto
thy grace and fauour.

Wherefore, O Lord, thy
name bee blessed, praysed,
and magnified, both now
and euer: as it was in the
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beginning, is now and ever
shall be, world without end.
Amen.

¶ A prayer.

I Give thee thanks, O God
Almightie, which not al-
only hast deliuered me from
many dangerous perils, &
troubles of enemies, but al-
so hast endued mee with the
giftes of nature, as reason,
power, & strength, and with
all other needfull thinges
thou hast possesse me. I ac-
knowledge therfore O lord
and

of prayers.

and cōfesse with the Apostle
that these are thy gistes, &
that there is no perfitte and
good giste but it commeth
from thee, O father almighty,
which giuest freely and
castest no man in the teeth.

I acknowledge wth the Pro-
phet also, that gold is thine,
and siluer is thine, and thou
giuest it to whome it plea-
seth thee. Wherefore, my
most merciful God, I hum-
bly beseeche & desire of thee,
that the increse of these thy

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gifts draw me not frō thee ,
but that thou wilt frame in
me, with thy holy Spirite ,
a true and faithful hart and
ready hand to good workes,
that I laye not vp treasure
here, where Thēues maye
robbe, and Moths corrupt :
but in thy heauenlye King-
dome, where neither thēse
may steale, nor Mothe cor-
rupt.

Graunt this deare Fa-
ther, for thy swēte Sonne
Jesus Christs sake. Amen.

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of prayers.

The third Psalme
of confidence and
trust in God.

Although (O God)
never so strong ene-
mies shal pitch their
Tentes against mee, my
heart shal not be afrayde :
for this is certaine, that all
they which trust in thee, shal
not be confounded.

Break not therfore, good
Lorde, the couenaunt that
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thou haste made with thy
Seruant : and chaunge not
that which hath issued out
of thy mouth.

Cause that thy holy An-
gell maye direct and guide
me, that my soule may trust
in thee : for thou arte the
fountayne of lyfe, and my
recreation in aduersitie.

Deliuere me from the sna-
res of the hūters, and from
the perilles of my persecu-
tors : and make a shadowe
for me vnder thy shoulers,
and

of prayers.

and I shall be harmelesse.

Euill men are risen vp a-
gainst me, yet thy truth shall
be my shielde and buckler:
and therfore if my enimies
come against me, I wil not
flie nor turne backe.

For who is hee that hath
trusted in thee, and is con-
founded: or who hath cal-
led vpon thee, and thou hast
despised him?

Go not fro mee, O Lorde,
for like as the Hart, when
he is chaled, coueteth to the
rivers

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riuers of water: euen so my
soule desireth to be wth thee.

How great pleasures hast
thou, O Lord, prepared for
me in heauen: that I should
delight in no earthly thing,
but in thee?

I will therefore acknow-
ledge, that I haue all my
strength of thee: for thou
art my hope, my protection,
my God, and my Saviour.

Keep me, O Lord, for
in thee my health and glory
doth consist: thou art my
com-

of prayers.

comforte, my strength and
helper, in whom I do trust.

Let all them, O Lord, re-
ioyce & be glad, which seeke
thee: and let them which
loue to haue Saluation of
thee, saye, Magnified be the
Lorde for euer.

Glorie be to the father. &c.

As it was in the begin. &c.

The Versicle.

O Lord heare my Prayer.

The Aunswere.

And let my crie come vnto
thee.

The

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The prayer.



Most gracious and
most wise guide, my
Saviour Christe,
which doest leade all them
that truely and vnfeignedly
trust in thee, the right waye
to inmortall blessednesse:
Graunt mee, that like as I
am weake and feeble, so I
maye take and repute my
selfe, y I presume not as of
my self to see my self, but so
farre to see, that I may al-
waies trusting in thee, haue
thee

of prayers.

thee before my eyes, to fol-
low thee being my guide, to
be ready at thy call most o-
bediently, and to accompte
my selfe whole ye unto thee:
y thou which onely knowest
the way, mayst leade me in
the same way to thy hea-
uenly ioyes, where
thou reignest god
euerlastingly.

Amen.



The


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The fourth Psalm

of Mercy,

To be saide before the re-
ceyuing of the Com-
munion.

¶ O mercifull Iesu,

 Ave mercye vppon
me, according to thy
great mercye: and
according to the multitude
of thy mercies doe away all
mine offences.

O

of prayers.

O sweete Iesu,

I haue sinned against thee,
and done euill in thy sight:
that thou mayest bee iustifi-
ed in thy saying, & mayest o-
uercome whē y art iudged.

O Christ the Sonne of God,

Doe on mee with the
Leyes of thy mercye, the
vnknowne thinges of thy
wisdome hast thou reuealed
vnto mee: if thou therefore
sp:inc:

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Sprinkle mee with Ilope, I
shal be censed, if thou wash
mee, I shall be whiter than
Snowe.

O my Sauiour,

MAke thou a pure heart
in mee, and looke no
more on my sinnes: but af-
ter thy mercy & great good-
nesse, put out of thy sight all
mine offences.

O my Redeemer,

NO man can helpe mee
but thou, cast mee not
there.

of prayers.

therfore from thy pzeſence:
and thy holye Spirit take
not from me.

O my maker,

Out of the bowels of thy
mercy giue me cōſort
and thy helpe: ſo ſhall I
teache thy wayes vnto the
wicked, that they may con-
uert vnto thee.

O King of Kings.

Put from me bloudguil-
tineſſe, thou that art the
C. i. hope

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hope of my health, and my
tongue shall speake of thy
righteousnesse.

O Iesu.

Quench y^e desire of sinne
in me, & open my lipps,
that my mouthe maye set
forth the worthe praysle of
thy name.

O marueylous Creator,

Remember, thou desir-
est not the sacrifice of
Calues, nor delyghest in
whole

of prayers.

whole burnt offerings: yet
hast thou pleasure in a low-
ly spirit, and a contrite and
humble hart, doest thou not
despise.

O holy of holiest.

Sende downe thy fauou-
rable beneuolence vpon
Sion thy holye habitation,
and builde vp the Wallles
and pillers thereof, and the
shal the acceptable sacrifice
of righteousness be layde
vpon thine aultare.

En.

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O holy Father.

Praise be to thee, and to
the sonne and holy ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without ende. Amen.

The Versicle.

O Lord Iesu haue mercy.

The Answer.

Which came downe and
suffered for me.

The Collect.

O Lord Iesus Christe,
sonne of the living god
set

of prayers.

set thy holy Passion, Crosse
& death betwene thy iudge-
ment & my soule, both now
and at the houre of death.
And moreover vouchsafe to
graunt vnto the liuing mer-
cy and grace, that after this
life they may haue rest and
quietnesse in thee : and to
thy whole Church graunt
peace and concord, that all
the members thereof maye
liue and ioy in thee for euer,
which liuest and raynest
with the Father and holpe
C. iij. Choff,

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Ghost, world without ende.
Amen.

The prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ the
only stay and defence
of my mortall state, my on-
ly hope, my onely saluati-
on, my victorie, my glorie,
and my triumphe, who in
the flesh, (which thou hadst
for my only cause taken by-
on thee) didst suffer thy selfe
to be tempted of Satan,
and who one ye and alone
diest

of prayers.

didst vtterly overcome and
banquishe sinne, death, the
World, the Deuill, and all
the kingdome of Hell: And
what soeuer thou hast so
ouercome, for my behalfe it
is y^e thou hast overcommed
it alone. Gyue mee there-
fore I beseeche thee (O Ly-
on moste victorious of the
Tribe of Iuda) strength a-
gainst the deceptfull way-
ting of the most subtil Ser-
pent, which dayly seeketh to
denour my soule. Thou be-
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ing a Lambe as whyte as
Snowe, the vanquisher of
Sathans tiramie, giue vn-
to mee (thy little one ,) the
strength and vertue of thy
Spirite, that beeing of my
selfe weake and feeble, but
in thee strong and valiaunt,
I may withstand and ouer-
come all assautes of temp-
tation, so that my ghostlye
enimie the Deuill may not
gloze ouer me, but being a
conquerour throzowe thee, I
maye giue thanks to thy
mercy,

of prayers.

mercy, which neuer leauest
him destitute that putteth
his trust in thee, who lyuest
and raignest, God for euer
without ende. Amen.

When thou shalt re=
ceiue the Communi=
on say thus.

M Lord and Saviour
Iesu Christ, who in
thy last Supper w
thine Apostles diddest giue
vnto them in a sacrament,
thyne

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thine owne body and bloud,
to be the fode of their soules:
Grant me I beseeche thee,
euer stedfastly to beleue, &
kindly to acknowledge thy
infinite and Almightye po-
wer, and thine incompre-
hensible loue towarde mee,
and that I maye alwayes
worthilye receiue the same
blessed sacrament and me-
moriall of thy death, accor-
ding to thy holy ordinaunce
that it may worke in me in-
crease of all Godlynesse, in
bntie

of prayers.

vnitie of Spirite, with thee
our heade, and by thee and
thy spirite, with al the com-
pany of them that be truely
thine, which be thy spiritual
and mysticall body, and my
spirituall and Christen bre-
thren. Heare me my Savi-
our and my Christ, for thy
names sake. Amen.

After the Commu-
nion, say thus.

O Lorde Iesu Christe,
whiche haste vouches-
safe

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safe spirituallye to giue vn-
to me in these holpe myste-
ries, thy body and bloude :
mortifie what soeuer is euil
in me, and garnish me with
thy merites & vertues, that
thou mayst delight to abide
and dwell in me. Renew my
spirite, my soule and my bo-
dy, with thy excelent grace,
that I maye be made lyke
vnto thy holpe humanitie,
frame me after thine owne
hearts desire, knit me vnto
the most nerely, that I may
be

of prayers.

be chaunged altogether into
thee. And graunt that I
may do nothing, speake no-
thing, nor desire nothinge,
but that which maye be ac-
ceptable vnto thee, which
art my God, my Sauour,
and Redeemer, to whome
wyth the Father, and
holy Ghost, be all
honor & glorie,
for euer and
euer. A-
men.

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The fift Psalme,
for the remission
of Sinnes.

Al mighty God, Lord
of Lordes, great and
dreadful is thy name
which by thy Worde haste
made both heauen & earth,
and all things contayned in
them.

All thinges be vnder thy
dominion & rule, both man
and beast, and all other ly-
uing

of prayers.

uing Creatures, and thou
hast compassion on whom it
pleaseth thee.

Against thee holy Father
against thee haue I sinned
and done euill: I haue bene
an offender euen from my
Cradell, and since I sucked
my Mothers breasts I haue
not ceased to doe euill.

But what am I (Lorde)
that I dare speake to thee: I
am thy poore Creature, and
a worine most abiect.

Beholde Lorde, I haue
naught,

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naught, & of my selfe I am
naught, thou art only good,
righteous and holy, thou cre-
derest al things, thou giuest
all things, & thou fulfillst
all things with goodnesse.

Beholde, I am thine (O
righteous Father,) and one
of them whome thy onely
deare sonne hath redeemed:
and of thee, which art iudge
of all men, I aske mercy.

Cast not away (O Lorde)
a contrite & penitent heart,
humbly calling vpon thee:

but

of prayers.

but tourne the eyes of thy
mercy towarde me, & for-
giue mee the sinnes of my
youth.

Cast not thy darts at me,
nor lay not thy heavy hand
vpon me, O Lord, for I
haue borne thine anger a
long whyle, and of the cup
of thy displeasure haue I
drunke very deepe.

Cast me not awaye from
thy presence, neyther take
thou thy holy Spirit from
me: but giue mee the com-

ff. i. fort

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fort of thy help, and stablish
me in thy truth.

Destroy me not (O mer-
cifull Father) because of
mine iniquitie : but be thou
mercifull vnto mee for thy
Sonne Iesus Christs sake.

Destroye me not utterly,
nor leave me in my sinnes :
for thou arte a God full of
mercy, & very gracious to
them that trust in thee.

Daylie sorrow ouercom-
meth me, and sadnesse pos-
sesseth my heart: I looke for

a

of prayers.

a tyme of healthe, but my
griefs continueth still.

Enter not O Lorde into
iudgement with thy Ser-
uant: for if thou accuse me,
I shall neuer be quitte, and
if thou marke my sinne and
iniquitie, no man shall deli-
uer me.

Except thou helpe mee of
thy goodnesse and mercye:
how may I which haue of-
fended thee, be rayled vp
from my sinnes:

Even of thee therefore O
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holp Father) which art the
God of mercy, I wretched
sinner doe aske mercy: and
for the glory of thy name, be
no longer angry with me.

For as thou art God so
art thou gracious and mer-
ciful, and patiently suffe-
rest sinners, and wouldest
that no man should perish:
but that all men shoulde
turne to penance.

For albeit that no man is
able to beare the punish-
ment, which thou dost threa-
ten

of prayers.

ten against Sinners : yet
thy mercy, which thou hast
promised, is great and vn-
searchable.

Forgiue for thy names
sake (O Lorde almightie)
all my sinnes : and put out
of thy sight all mine offen-
ces.

Giue mee a newe hearte,
and take from mee all wic-
ked desires : that I may e-
uermoze know, what thing
is acceptable in thy sight.

Giue light (O Lorde) to

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mine

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mine eyes, that I sleepe not
in death : & then my sinnes
shall not preuaile agaynst
me.

Grant me (holy Father)
that I may euer desire, and
will that, which is moſte
pleſaunt and acceptable in
thy ſight : and that I haue
no deſire to will, or not to
will, but as thou wilt.

Glozy be to the Father, &
to the Sonne. &c.

As it was in the begin-
ning, is now. &c.

The

of prayers.

The Versicle.

Cut Lorde my lacke of sorowe in pæces.

The Aunswere.

And cloth mee with gladnesse.

The prayer.

Almightie and moste
mercifull Father, I
wretched sinner most hum-
bly beseeche thee, that thou
of thy goodnesse wylte not
remember the offences
J. iij. of

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of my youth, but that according to the greatnesse of thy mercy, thou wilt turne from mee the paine, that I haue iustlye deserued for sinne, & that by thy grace I maye (while I am in this vale of misery) euermore be renued in the spirite of my minde, that a pure life maye alwayes appere in mee. Amen.



The

of prayers.

The sixt Psalme,
wherein he desireth
to be heard of God.

How long (O Lord)
shall my minde bee
troubled with pain-
full sorowes and heauye
thoughts: how long shall care-
full cares torment my hart:

How long (O God) wilt
thou reiect my prayers whi-
ch daylie I poure out before
thee: wilt thou Lorde heare
me

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me at no time, or wilt thou
now cease to shew mercy?

Hast thou O Lorde cast
me away for euer, or wilt
thou neuer hereafter be ple-
sed with me? Thy hande is
not weakened, but it maye
help, and thine eares be not
stopped, that they refuse to
heare.

I beseech thee, O righte-
ous Father, for Iesus chri-
stes sake, that the sighinges
and inwarde desires of my
heart, may moue & incline
thee

of prayers.

thee to heare mee.

I haue bene an vnttrue
and froward childe to thee,
I haue not feared thee, nor
shewed due reuerence vnto
thee, but haue bene euer dis-
obedient and stubburne a-
gainst thee.

I am in prison and bound
in fetters of sorowe : till
thou with thy gracious pre-
sence vouchsafe to visit me,
and bring mee againe to li-
bertie and ioy.

Keepe thy mercy therfore
for

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for mee alwayes, O Lord:
and the couenaunt whiche
thou hast made with me, let
it be surely perfourmed.

Keepe me lord from sinne,
and I shall then dreade nei-
ther death nor Hell: and as
thou always hast bene mer-
cifull to penitent sinners, so
now good Lord forgive my
sinnes.

Keepe my hearte in thee,
and then shall I reioyce in
thy mercye: for that thou
hast looked on mee and hast
regar-

of prayers.

regarded my soule in my
groat distresse.

Let mee neuer hereafter
goe away from thy wayes,
nor leaue mee not nowe in
the deepe nesse of my trou-
bles.

Loe, now be the dayes of
helth and grace, now is the
accepted time : for in death
who shall remember thee,
O Lorde : or in Hell who
shall prayse thee ?

Lorde behold therfore my
weakenesse and frailtenesse.
best

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best knowne vnto thee: and
looke downe from Heauen
vpon the sorow and heau-
nesse of me thy poore creature

My life is as it were in
the middell of fierce Lions:
whose teeth are lyke vnto
speares, and the sharpnesse
of them lyke vnto the sting
of Scorpions.

Mollifie my hart, O Lord
God, that I maye returne
to thee, and walke in all thy
wayes: for I haue wandred
ouer long in the way of sin-
ners. Make

of prayers.

Make a perpetuall league
and couenaunt wth mee,
that thou wilt put thy feare
into my heart: that I neuer
swarue from thee againe.

No man may so hide him-
selfe from thee, but that thou
mayest see him: who doest
fulfill both Heauen & earth.

Neuerthelesse I wil speak
vnto thee, and will not holde
my peace, so longe as the
breath is in my mouth: but
still shall call on thee for thy
mercie.

Nothing

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Nothing is able to resist
thy power, thy mercy is a-
boue all thy workes : and
thou art gracious and mer-
cifull to them whiche dili-
gently obserue and kepe thy
lawes.

O Lorde my prayers bee
euer vnto thee, let thine an-
ger be turned from me that
I maye finde fauour in thy
sight.

O Lorde take thou not
vppon the hardnesse of my
heart : but like as thou hast
many

of prayers.

many tymes shewed mercy
so now be mercifull and for-
giue that I haue offended
thee.

O Lorde my God, which
tenderly louest mankind, &
art a most rightfull Iudge,
spare me I beseech thee: and
shewe on me the abundance
of thy mercie.

Glorie bee to the Father,
and to the Sonne, and to the
holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
is now, &c.

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The Versicle.

Turne not thy eyes from
me **¶** Lozde.

The Aunswere.

But teach me to doe that
is pleasant in thy sight.

¶ The Collect.

O Mercifull God, which
by thy Sonne Christe
hast taught vs to call on
thee in our necessitie, giue
me grace, I beseeche thee to
acknowledge mine owne
infirmities and weakenesse,
that

of prayers.

that I depending on thy
mercifull goodnesse, maye
(with a strong and stedfast
faith) continuallye call on
thee with a true repentaunt
heart, for thy grace, mercy,
and pardon, that after this
corruptible life, I maye
behold thee in thy euer-
lasting glory, where
thou reignest God
euerlasting.

Amen.



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¶ The prayer.

O Lozde our God, thou
that broughtest thy pe-
ple out of the lande of Egypt
with a mightie hande, with
tokens and wonders, with
thy great power and stret-
ched out arme. Befoze thee,
O Lozde my God, haue
I synned wyth my forefa-
thers, and haue done wic-
kedlye, behauing my selfe
vngodly in al thy righteou-
nesse. Tourne thy wrathe
from

of prayers.

from me, O Lorde, & heare
my Prayers and petitions
for thine owne sake : and
bring me home againe whi-
che long have bene astraye,
that they y^e hate thy name,
maye knowe that thou art
the Lord my God, and that
I haue called on thy name:
O Lorde looke downe vpon
mee thy poore creature, in-
cline thine eare & heare me,
for the deade that be gone
downe to their graues, and
whose soules are out of their

C.ij. bo.

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uodles, ascribe vnto thee, O
Lorde, neyther prayse nor
righteous making: but the
soule that is vexed for the
multitude of hir Sinnes,
which goeth on heauily and
weakely, whose eyes begin
to fayle, yea such a soule (O
Lord) ascribeth prayse and
righteousnesse vnto thee. I
therefore, O heauenly Fa-
ther, require mercede in thy
sight, not for any goodnesse
that is in mee, but for the
merits of thy deare Sonne
Jesus

of prayers.

Iesus Christes sake, to who
with thee and the holye
Ghost, be latode and
praise for ever,
more. A.

men.

The seuenth. Psal.
for the obteynning of
Godly wisse.
done.

Preſerue me O God
for in thee doe I
trust: let thy wille
O. sig. doe. me

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come rule and guide my
thoughts, that they may al-
wayes prayse thee.

Putte thy Worde in my
mouth, and fasten thy wise-
dome in my heart : that o-
ther also may be conuerted
vnto thee.

Pluck me from mine hei-
nous offences, and heale my
soule which hath offended,
O God, that I may be free
from the guilt of my trans-
gression.

Quicken me (O Lorde,)
as

of prayers!

as thou art wont to doe thy
chosen : and let thy hande
direct my ways, that I may
walke in thy statutes.

Direct me, that I may
liue and keepe thy wordes,
that my soule maye prayse
thee, & that thy iudgements
may helpe me.

Direct mee also wth
thy louing kindnesse : and
so shall I keepe the testimo-
nies of thy mouth.

Remember me, O Lord,
for thy goodnesse sake : and
for

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for the great loue that thou
bearest towardes me.

Remember that thou hast
made me of the earth : and
that I shall returne into the
dust of death.

Remoue me therfore good
Lorde from the waye of sin-
ners : and strengthen mee
with the power of thy right
hande.

Shewe me thy wayes, O
Lorde, and sende forth the
hote flames of thy loue, to
burne and consume the fan-
tasies

of prayers.

tasies of my minde.

Satisfie me with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall I be glad and reioyce in thee all the dayes of my life.

Shewe nowe good Lorde, and declare thy goodnesse vnto me: send downe from Heauen the spirite of wisdom, & replenish my heart with knowledge thereof.

Thou fulfillest the desires of them that feare thee: and hearest the prayers of them that call on thee with their whole

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whole hart.

Thou ledest streight in
thy iudgements, them that
be milde and tractable : and
teachest them that be make
thy wordes and Testimo-
nies.

Thou holdest vp all them
which else shoulde fall : and
all that are fallen, thou lif-
test vp againe.

Up Lorde and helpe thy
seruaunt, thou art my hope
and refuge, thou arte my
strong holde and Castle:

for

of prayers.

for thy names sake lead and
guide me.

Verily, if thou shewe mee
thy goodnesse and manifolde
mercies, I shall florish as
the Olive tree that bringeth
forth fruite in due season.

Verily my soule hath spe-
ciall respecte vnto thee, O
Lord, for that my health, my
strength, & my glory, com-
meth from thee.

Which hast saued my life
from destruction, and shew-
ed me thy grace & mercy.
Which

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Which hast satisfied my
desire with good things: and
shalt once restore to mee my
youth againe.

Wherefore, to thee moste
louing Lorde, and for these
thy mercies, I offer to thee
the Sacrifice of laude and
prayse: giuing thee thanks
now and euermore, worlde
without ende. Amen.

Lorde haue mercy

Christ haue mercy

Lorde haue mercy

} vpon me

Dur

of prayers.

Our Father whiche
arte in Heauen, ha-
loved be thy name.

Thy kingdome come. Thy
will be done in earth as it is
in Heauen. Giue vs thys
daye our dayly breade. And
forgiue vs our trespasses as
we forgiue them that tres-
passe against vs. And leade
vs not into temptatio. But
deliuer vs from euill. For
thine is the kingdome, the
power, and the glozy, for e-
uer and euer. Amen.

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The Versicle.

Destroy me not, O Lord,
for my sinnes.

The Answer.

Deeper reserve eternall
punishment for them.

The prayer.

Most righteous God,
for thy great mercies
sake, hearken to these my
humble prayers, which I
make before thee: and con-
sider mercifull LORD, the

of prayers.

the desire and thought of
my hart. Let my loude cry-
ings come vnto thee, and let
my vnseyned prayers enter
into thine eares. Heare mee
O Lord, for I am destitute
of thy helpe. Take care for
my soule, save me thy Ser-
uaunt, which wholly trust in
thee. Haue mercie, **O Lord**,
haue mercy vpon mee, for I
will neuer cease crying to
thee for thy help and mercy.
In the day time will I call
on thee, and in the night my
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crie shall not be hidde from thee. O thou G D D of the Heauens, the maker of the Waters, and Lozde of all creatures, heare me a most wretched sinner calling on thee, and take away from me al my sinnes, and make stedfast my sayth and confidence in thy mercifull promises, that I putting my trust in them, may haue as thou hast promised, euerlasting life, thoro christ Iesus thy Sonne our Lozde Amen. An

of prayers.

An other prayer.

O Lord and Heauenly
Father, plant in mee
true obedience to thy holpe
Lawes, and to my Soue-
reigne and gracious Lady
Queene Elizabeth, whome
thou hast set to reigne ouer
mee. And let not the cares of
this world deceiue me. Keep
mee also good Lord, from al
uncleane desires, and graunt
mee thy grace, to walke be-
fore thee all the dayes of this

V. ij. my

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my Pilgrimage, with good
conscience and pure minde,
that when thou shalt ap-
peare to reward euery man
according to his doedes, I
may receiue at thy hand the
reward of one that hath not
bene ashamed of thee in this
life. O Lorde increase my
fayth, increase my loue, in-
crease in mee a sure hope of
my saluation: O Lorde my
Saviour increase strength
in me to overcome sinne, &
to stande against all temp-
tations:

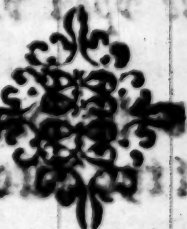
of prayers.

tations: let the holy Angel
alwayes be ye and conduct
me, that I maye evermore
be thankfull vnto thee
in Christ Iesu our

Lozde,

to whome with thee and
the holy ghost, be all
honor & gloze for
ever and ever

Amen.



Th. iii.

Where

The Letanie.

There followeth
the Letanie with
certaine other god-
ly Prayers.

God the Father of
Heauen: haue mer-
cie vpon his misera-
ble Sinners.

O God the Father of Heauen:
haue mircie vpon vs miserable
Sinners.

O God the Sonne, Re-
deemer of the Worlde: haue
mercie

The Letanie.

mercie vpon vs miserable
Sinners.

O God the Sonne redeemer of
the worlde : haue merce vpon vs
miserable sinners.

God the holpe Ghost,
proceeding from the father
and the Sonne: haue mercy
vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost, proce-
ding from the Father and the
Sonne : haue mercy vpon vs mi-
serable Sinners.

O Holy, blessed, and glo-
rious Trinitie : three persons
and

The Litanie.

and one God: haue mercye
vpo vs miserable Sinners.

O Holy, blessed and glorious
Trinitie, three persons and one
God: haue mercie vpon vs mis-
erable sinners.

Remember not Lord our
offences, nor the offences of
oure Forefathers, neyther
take thou vengeance of our
sinnes, spare vs good Lorde,
spare thy people whom thou
hast redeemed with thy most
precious bloude, and be not
angry with vs for ever.

Spare vs good Lorde.

The Letanie.

**From all euill and mis-
chiefe, from sinne, from the
craftes and assaults of the
Deuill, from thy wrath, and
from euerlasting Damna-
tion.**

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

**From blindenesse of heart,
from pride, vaine glozy, and
Hypocrisie, from enuie, ha-
tred and malice, and all un-
charitablenesse.**

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

**From fornication, and all
other deadly sinne, & from
all**

The Letanie.

**all the deceits of the world,
the flesh and the Deuill.**

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

**From lightning & tempest,
from plague, pestilence and
famine, from battayle and
murther, & frō sodein death.**

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

**From all rebition and pry-
uy conspiracie, from al false
doctrine and heresie, from
hardnesse of heart, and con-
tempt of thy Worde, and
commaundement.**

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

The Letanie.

By the misterie of thy holy
incarnation, by thy holy na-
tiuitie and circumcision, by
thy baptisme, fasting, and
temptation.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

By thine agony and bloudy
sweate, by thy Crosse and
Passion, by thy precious
death and Buriall, by thy
glorious Resurrection and
Ascention, and by the com-
ming of the holy Ghost.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulati-
on,

The Letanie.

on, in all time of our welth,
in the houre of death and in
the day of iudgement.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

We sinners doe beseech thee
to heare vs, O Lorde God,
and that it maye please thee
to rule and gouerne thy ho-
lye Church vniuersallye in
the right way.

*We beseech thee to heare vs
good Lorde.*

That it maye please thee to
keepe and strengthen in the
true worshipping of thee, in
righte

The Letanie.

righteousnesse and holinesse
of life, thy Seruant Eliza-
beth, our mosse Gracious
Quene and gouernour.

*We beseech thee to heare vs
good Lorde.*

That it maye please thee to
rule hir heart in thy fayth,
feare, and loue, and that she
maye euermore haue assi-
aunce in thee, and euer seeke
thy honour and glorie.

*We beseech thee to heare vs
good Lorde.*

That it maye please thee to
be

The Letanie.

be hir defender and keeper,
giuing hir the victorie ouer
all hir enemies.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
illuminate all Bishoppes,
Pastours and Ministers of
y Church, with true know-
ledge and vnderstanding of
thy worde, and that both by
their preaching and liuing
they may set it forth, & shew
it accordingly.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
endue

The Lctanie.

endue the Lords of h^e Coun-
sell, and all the Nobilitie,
with grace, wisdom, and
vnderstanding.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
blesse and keepe the Magi-
strates, giuing them grace
to execute iustice, & to main-
taine truth.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
blesse & keepe all thy people.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
glue

The Letanie.

**giue to all nations, vniuersall
peace and concord.**

We beseech thee. &c.

**That it maye please thee to
giue vs an hart to loue and
dread thee, and diligently to
liue after thy commande-
ments.**

We beseech thee. &c.

**That it maye please thee to
giue to all thy people in-
crease of grace, to heare
meekely thy Worde, and to
receiue it with pure affecti-
on, and to bring forth the
fruites**

The Letanie.

fruites of the spirite.

We beseech thee. &c.

**That it may please thee to
bring into the way of truth,
all such as haue erred and
are deceiued.**

We beseech thee. &c.

**That it may please thee to
strengthen such as do stand,
and to comfort and help the
weake hearted, and to raise
vp them that fall, and final-
ly to beate downe Satan
vnder our feete.**

We beseech thee, &c.

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That

The Letanie.

That it maye please thee to
succour, helpe, and comfort
all that be in danger, neces-
sitie and tribulation.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
p̄serue all that trauesle by
lande or by water, all wo-
men labouring of childe, all
sicke Persons and younge
chldren, and to shewe thy
pity vpon all prisoners and
captiues.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
Defende,

The Letanie.

defende and prouide for the
fatherlesse children and wi-
dowes, and all that be deso-
late and oppressed.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
haue mercy vpon all men.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
forgiue our enimies, perse-
cutors and slanderers, and
to turne their hearts.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
giue and preserve to our vse

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The Letanie.

the kindly fruits of þe earth,
so as in one time wee maye
enioye them.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to
glue vs true repentance, to
forgiue vs all our sinnes,
negligences & ignorances, &
to endue vs with the grace
of thy holy spirite, to amend
oure liues according to thy
holy worde.

We beseech thee. &c.

Godde of God: we beseech
thee to heare vs.

Sonne

The Letanie.

Sonne of God : we beseech thee
to heare vs.

**O Lambe of God that ta-
kest away the sinnes of the
worlde.**

Graunt vs thy peace.

**O Lambe of God y takest
away y sinnes of the worlde.**

Haue mercy vpon vs,

O Christ heare vs.

O Christ heare vs.

Loꝛde haue mercy vpon vs.

Loꝛde haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

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The Letanie.

Loꝛde haue mercy vpon vs
Loꝛde haue mercy vpon vs.

Our Father which. &c.

And leade vs not into
temptation.

But deliuer vs from euil. Amen.

The Versicle.

O Loꝛd deale not with vs
after our sinnes.

The Aunswere.

Neither rewarde vs after
our iniquities.

Let

The Letanie.

Let vs pray.

O GOD mercifull Fa-
ther, that despisest not
the sighinge of a contrite
Heart, noz the desire of such
as be sorowfull, merciful-
ly assist our Prayers, that
wee make before thee, in all
our Troubles and aduersi-
ties, whensoever they op-
presse vs, & graciously heare
vs, that those euilles, which
the craft and subtiltie of the
Deuill or man worketh a-
gainst

The Letanie.

gainste vs, bee broughte to
naught, and by thy prou-
dence of thy goodnesse they
maye bee dispersed, that we
thy seruants being hurt by
no persecutions, may euer-
more giue thanks vnto thee
in thy holy Church, thozow
Jesus Christ our Lorde.

O Lorde, arise, helpe vs, and de-
liuer vs for thy names sake.

O God we haue heard with
our eares, and our Fathers
haue declared vnto vs the
noble works that thou didst
in

The Letanie.

**in their dayes, and in the old
time befoze them.**

**O Lord, arise, helpe, vs, and de-
liuer vs for thine honor.**

**Glozy be to the Father, and
to the Sonne, and to the ho-
ly Ghost.**

**As it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and euer shall
be, worlde without ende. A-
men.**

**From our enemies defend
vs, O Christ.**

**Graciously looke vpon our af-
flictions.**

Pitt.

The Letanic.

pitifully beholde the sor-
rowes of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sinnes
of thy people.

If auourably with mercy
heare our prayers.

O Sonne of David haue mercy
vpon vs.

Both now & ever vouch-
safe to heare vs, O Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christ
Graciously heare vs, O lord christ.

The Versicle.

O Lorde let thy mercy be
shewed vpon vs.

The

The Letanie.

The Aunswere.

As wee doe put our truste
in thee.

Let vs pray.

A humble beseeche
thee, O Father,
mercifullpe to looke
vpon our infirmities, & for
the glozy of thy names sake,
turne fro vs all those evils,
that we mosse righteouslye
haue deserued, and graunt
that in all our troubles wee
may

The Letanie.

may put our whole truste &
confidence in thy mercy and
euermore serue thee in holi-
nesse & purenesse of living,
to thy honour and glozve,
thorowe our onely Media-
tour and Advocate Iesus
Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ The prayer.

O Lorde almightie, God
of Israell, our soules
that are in trouble, and spi-
rites that bee vexed, crye
vnto

The Letanie:

unto thee: heare vs O Lord
and haue pittie vpon vs, for
thou art a mercifull GOD:
bee gracious therefore vnto
vs, for we haue sinned be-
fore thee. Thou endurest for-
euer: shall we then vtterly
perishe? O Lord almighty,
thou God of Israell,
heare now the prayers of
vs wretched Sinners, and
yet thy creatures. We haue
sinned before thee, and haue
not hearkned vnto thy voyce
O Lord, for the which cause
wee

The Letanie.

wee are woꝛthie to fall and
suffer thy fatherly coꝛrectiō.
Yet we moſte humblye be-
ſeech thy goodneſſe not to re-
member our wickedneſſe,
noꝛ the wickedneſſe of oure
foꝛefathers, but thinke vpon
thy power and name, nowe
at this time, foꝛ thou arte
the Loꝛde our God, and thee
our Loꝛde will wee prayſe,
foꝛ thou haſt put thy feare
in our hartes, to the intent
that wee ſhoulde call vpon
thy name, and prayſe thee,
and

The Lctanie.

and turne from the wicked-
nesse of oure forefathers:
heare vs, O Lorde, for thy
deare Sonne Iesus Christs
sake. Amen.

¶ A prayer for the
Queene.

Q Lord Iesus Christ,
moste highe, moste
mightie, God euer-
lastinge, King of Kinges,
Lorde of Lordes, the onely
ruler

The Letanie.

ruler of Princes, the verye
Sonne of God, on whose
right hande sitting doest fro
thy throne beholde all the
dwellers vppn earth: with
most lowly heart I beseech
thee, vouchsafe with fauou-
rable regarde, to behold our
moste gracious soueraigne
Ladye Quene Elizabeth,
and so replenishe hir with
the grace of thy holy spirite,
that she may alway incline
to thy will and walke in
thy waye: keepe hir farre
of

The Letanie.

of from ignorance, and tho-
rowe thy giste let prudence
and knowledge alwaye a-
bunde in hir royall heart:
so instructe hir, O Lorde,
reigning vpon vs in earth,
that hir humaine Maiestie,
alway obey thy diuine ma-
iestie in feare and dread. In-
dow hir plentifullye with
Heauenlye gistes. Graunt
hir in health and welth long
to liue. Heape glorie and
honour vpon hir. Glad hir
with the loye of thy counte-

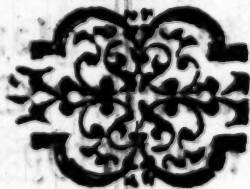
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naunce.

The Letanie.

naunce. So strenten hir
that she may banquish and
ouercome all hir enimies,
and be dreade and feared of
them: and finally after this
life, I besech thee good Lord,
that she maye attaine euer:
lasting ioy & felicitie, where
thou reigneest God with
the Father and the
holy Ghost.

Amen.



The Letanie.

¶ A prayer.

O Heauenly Father, and
mercifull god, which
of thy onely goodnesse haste
created and made vs, vnto
thy owne similitude & lyke-
nesse, we heartily pray and
beseeche thee remember not
our vnrightheousnesse, ney-
ther suffer y these grieuous
plagues to depend ouer vs.
Wee haue sinned and grie-
uouly displeased thee, yet
we beseech thee of thy mercy
Is. ij. be.

The Letanie.

benigne to behold vs thy
vnwoful children, for we
doe not prostrate our selues
before thy face in prayse of
our owne righteousnesse,
but in the multitude of thy
mercies: wherefore, Lord &
holy Father, be thou blessed
now and ever, for that thou
hast created all things, and
hatest nothinge that thou
hast made. We humblye
therefore beseech thee, most
holy Father, no more to be
angry with vs, but to turne
thy

The Letanie.

thy wꝛath from vs, & kinde
in vs the loue of thy holye
spirite. Breake our stonye
hearts (O Lord) and make
them fleshye heartes, that
we may feare thee, loue thee
and haue pleasure in thee.

Graunt vs also mercifull
Father, a true vnderstan-
ding of thy weꝛd, that ther-
by we maye knowe, that is
to be knowen, & that to loue
that is to bee loued, that to
desire that pleseth thee, that
to regarde that is pꝛecious

Ps. lxi.

in

The Letanie.

in thy sight, and that to re-
fuse that is euill before thee.
Suffer vs not, O Lorde, to
iudge thy misteries, after
our outwarde senses, ney-
ther to giue sentence after
the hearing of the ignozant,
but that we by thy holy spi-
rite may alwayes discerne
thinges spirituall. Giue vs
also holy Father, a sorow-
full and penitent heart, that
we may humbly serue thee,
in holinesse and righteous-
nesse all the dayes of oure
liues,

The Letanie.

**liues, that after our departing
this miserable life,
we may attayne
eternall
life.**

**Graunt this deare Father,
foz thy deare Sonne Iesus
Chrisses sake, to whome
with thee, and the holye
Ghost, be giuen all
honor, and glozy
foz ever and
ever. A/
men.**

Is. liij.

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The Letanie.

¶ A prayer to be sayde in
the time of extreame
sicknesse.

O Lozde Iesus, which
art the only helth of
all men lyving, and
the euerlasting life of them
which die in thy faythe. I
wretched Sinner giue and
submit my selfe wholpe vn-
to thy blessed will. And I
being sure y the thing can-
not perishe which is com-
mitted vnto thy mercy, will
lingly

The Letanie.

lingly therefore beseech thee
moste mercifull Lorde Iesu
Christ, that thou wilt by thy
grace make strong my soule
against al temptations, and
that thou wilt couer and de-
fende mee with the buckler
of thy mercy, against all the
assaultes of the Demill, I
see and acknowledge that
there is in my selfe no hope
of saluatiō, but all my hope,
confidence, and trust, is in
thy mercede. I haue no me-
rites nor good works which

¶

The Letanic.

I may alleage befoze thee :
of finnes and euill woꝝkes
(alas O Lord) I see a great
heape, but yet thoroꝝwe thy
mercie I truste to be in the
number of them that shall
be saued, to whome thou
wilt not impute their finnes
but take the to euerlasting
life. Thou Lord wast boꝝne
foꝝ my sake, thou didst suf-
fer hunger and thirst foꝝ my
sake, thou diddest praye and
fast foꝝ my sake: finally thou
diddest all good woꝝkes and
deedes

The Letanie.

deedes for my sake, & gauest
thy moste precious bodye to
die, and thy bloud to be shed
on the Crosse for my sake.
Now therefore most merci-
full Saviour, let all these
good things profit me which
thou freely hast giuen mee,
that hast giuen thy selfe for
me. Let thy bloud wash and
clense away the spots and
foulenesse of my finnes, let
thy righteousness hide & co-
uer mine vnrightheousnesse,
let the merits of thy passion
and

The Letanie.

and bloud be the satisfaction
foz my sinnes. Giue mee O
Lorde thy grace, y my faith
and saluation in thy bloude
wauer not in mee, but euer
to be firme & constant, that
the hope of thy mercy neuer
decay in me, y charity wære
not colde in me: finally, that
the weakenesse of my fleshe
bee not overcome with the
seare of death. Graunt also
mercifull father, that when
Death hath shut vp the eyes
of my body, yet that the eyes
of

The Letanie.

of my soule may still behold
& looke vpon thee, that when
death hath taken away the
ble of my tongue and spech
yet that my heart may crye
and say vnto thee: O Lorde
into thy handes I giue and
commit my soule, and with
thy holy martir Steuen be-
holding thee in my soule,
maye saye: Lorde Iesu re-
ceyue my soule vnto thee,
whiche liuest and raignest
God euerlasting, with the
Father and holy ghost.

¶ A

The Letanie.

¶ A prayer of Chri-
stome.

A Almighty God whi-
che haste giuen vs
grace at this time,
with one accorde, to make
our common supplications
vnto thee, and doest promise
that when two or three bee
gathered together in thy
name, thou wilt graunte
their requests, fulfil now O
Lord, the desires and petici-
ons of thy seruants as may
be

The Letanie.

be most expedient for them,
granting vs in this world
knowledge of the truth,
and in the worlde to
come, life euer-
lasting. A
men.

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The grace of our Lorde
Jesus Christ, & the loue
of God, and the fellowship
of the holy Ghost, be with
vs all euermore. Amen.

¶ For

The Letanie.

¶ For raine, if the
time require,

O GOD Heauenlye
Father, whiche by
thy Sonne Iesus Chyſte
haſt promiſed to all them
that ſeeke thy Kingdome, &
the righteouſneſſe thereof,
al things neceſſary to their
bodilye ſuſtenaunce: ſende
vs we beſeech thee, in this
our neceſſitie, ſuche mode-
rate rain and ſhowers, that
we may receiue the fruities
of

The Letanie.

of the earth to our comfort,
and to thy honour, thozowe
Jesus Christ our Lorde. A-
men.

¶ For faire weather.

O Lorde G D D, which
for the sinne of man
diddest once dzolue all the
world, except eight persons
and afterward of thy great
mercie didst promise neuer
to destroy it so agayne: wee
humbly beseech thee, that al-
though wee for our iniqui-
ties

The Letanie.

ties haue worthily deserved
this plague of raine, & wa-
ters, yet vpon our true re-
pentaunce thou wilt sende
vs such weather, whereby
we may receiue the frutes
of the earthe in due season,
and learne both by thy pu-
nishment to amende our
liues, and for thy clemencie
to giue thee prayse and
glory, thou o Ie-
sus Christ our
Lorde. A-
men.

Euening.

Euening prayer.

¶ The Antheme.

Remember not O Lord
myne offences, nor the
offences of my forefathers,
neither take thou venge-
aunce of my sinnes, spare
me good Lord, whome thou
hast redeemed with thy most
precious bloude, and be
not angrie with me
for euer.

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The first Psalme
at Euening prayer.

Against thee O Lord,
against thee, haue I
sinned and bene wic-
kedly before thee: and thou
seest also that mine iniquitie
is great.

Beholde, Good Lord, I
am solde vnder sinne, and
in my fleshe I finde not that
which is good.

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of prayers.

Comforte therefore (O
Lorde) the soule of thy ser-
uaunt : for vnto thee doe I
lift vp my hart and minde.

Doe thou shew on me thy
mercy, O Lorde : & graunt
vnto me thy saluation.

Carely in the morning do
I crie vnto thee : bicause of
thy righteous iudgementes
and mercie.

For thou Lorde art good
and gracious, and of great
mercie vnto all them that
call vpon thee.

L. iij. Give

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Glue light vnto mine
eyes, O Lorde, for I haue
slept to longe in death: and
my sinnes haue preuailed
agaynst me.

He that liueth, O Lorde,
he that liueth shall prayse
thee: & shall make thy mer-
cie knowne.

In thy Tabernacle, O
Lorde, I will dwell for e-
uer: and my defence and co-
uering shall bee vnder thy
wings.

Glorie be to the father. &c.

The

of prayers.

The second Psalm

O Lord deliuer me frō
among the wicked :
þæt I may giue thanks
to thy holy name, and make
my boast of thy prayse.

Make all nations whome
thou hast made, to reioyce
and worship thee : that they
may praise and glorifie thy
name.

Howe teache thou mee, O
Lord, that I may walke in
thy truth: and knit my hart

L.iii. vnto

The Alphabet

unto thee, that I may feare
thy name.

O Lorde turne thee vnto
mee, and haue mercye vpon
me: giue thy strength vnto
me and succour me.

Praised be thy name, O
Lord my God: for thou
hast set thy glorie aboue all
the heauens.

Quicke my soule O God,
and all the powers thereof
that it may cleaue fast, and
be ioyned to thee in ioyfull
gladnesse of ghostlye rau-
shings

of prayers.

things.

Regarde, O Lorde, the
Prayer of thy seruant, and
hide not thy face from mee
in the time of trouble.

Shewe some good token
vpon me, that they that hate
me maye see it and be asha-
med: because thou, Lorde,
hast holpen and comforted
me.

Thou Lorde art good and
gracious : & of great mer-
cy, vnto all them which call
vpon thee.

Vnto

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Unto thee therefore, O
Lord, will I perfoyme my
vowes: and I will giue thee
thanks both now and ever:
more, woꝝlde without ende.
Amen.

The Anthem.

Save mee good Lorde wa-
king, and keepe mee slee-
ping, that I maye wake in
Christ, and rest in peace.

The Versicle.

Blessed be the name of the
Lorde.

The

of prayers.

The Aunswere.

From this time forth for
euermore.


The Collect.

O Lorde G O D , I be-
seeche thee to lighten
my darknesse, & deliuer mee
from al the dangers of this
night , O mercifull Lorde,
thorowe thy Sonne Iesus
Christ, who liueth and reig-
neth with thee in unitie of y
holpe ghost, worlde wi:hout
ende. Amen.

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The third Psalme

 Consider and heare
mee, O Lorde my
God, lighten y eyes
of my soule, that I sleepe not
in death. For if I bee cast
down, they that trouble me
will reioyce at it.

Defende me therefore, O
God, from the waye of the
vngodly : & out of the hande
of the vnrighteous and cru-
ell man, deliuer thou me.

Euē in thy feare doe I

woꝛ:

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worship(O Loꝝde) towarde
thy holy temple : be merci-
full vnto me, and heare the
request of my hart.

For happy are they which
dwell in thy house, for they
will alwayes bee prayſing
thee(O God.)

Haue mercy on me, haue
mercy on mee : euen as
thou haſt promiſed to them
which doe loue thy name.

I will call on thee, O Loꝝd
my ſtrength : I will truſt
in thee, O thou horne of ſal-
nation:

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uation: and in my trouble
will I complaine vnto thee
(O my God)

Keepe thy seruauent there-
fore, O Lorde, from pre-
sumptuous sinns, least they
get the dominion ouer me:
and so shall I bee vndefiled
and innocent from the gre-
test offence.

Let (I beseeche thee,) O
Lorde, the wordes of my
mouth, and the meditation
of my heart, bee alwayes
acceptable in thy sight, O
Lorde

of prayers.

Lord my God, my strength
and my Redeemer.

Let my Prayers bee let
forth in thy sight as the in
cense : and let the lifting
up of my handes, be
an euening sa-
crifice.

Glozy be to the father, and
to the sonne, and to the holy
ghost.

As it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and euer shall
be, worlde without ende. A-
men.

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The Antheme.

Lorde graunte mee
thy light, that I be-
ing deliuered from
the darkenesse of sinne may
come to y very light, which
is Chriſt.

Let vs pray.

Lord haue mercy vpon me.
Christ haue mercie vpon me.

Lord haue mercy vpon me.

Our Father which. &c.

Turne thee vnto mee, O
Lorde.

And

of prayers.

And shew on me the light
of thy countenance.

The Versicle.

Lozde heare my prayer.

The Answer.

And let my cry come vnto
thee.

¶ The Collect.

Lighten my darckenesse
I beseech thee, O Lord:
and by thy great mercie de-
fende mee from a'l the pe-
rilles and dangers of this
night, that after my slepe
I may safely awake, to the

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praise

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prayse & glorie of thy name,
thorow Christ thy Sonne
our Lorde & Sauioꝝ. Amen.

Lorde haue mercy
Christ haue mercy } vpon me.
Lorde haue mercy

¶ A prayer.

O Moste glorious King,
who art alwayes to
bee prayſed, among thy holy
people, moze than tongue oꝝ
heart can expreſſe. I call
on thy holpe name, be thou
therefoꝛe with me, and foꝛ
take

of prayers.

take me not (O Lorde) my
god: but in the day of iudge-
ment vouchsafe (O blessed
king,) to place me amonge
thine elect and holy people.
Amen.

¶ A prayer.

In the midit of life I am
in death, to whome (O
Lorde,) shall I seeke for
helpe, but to thee alone, who
for my sinnes art iustly dis-
pleased: O God most holy,
O holpe mightie and moſte
mercifull Saviour: gine me
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not ouer to the bitter pains
of eternall death. Cast mee
not off in my age, when my
strength fayleth mee : for-
sake me not, O Lorde, shut
not vp thine eares from my
Prayers : Thou O Lorde,
which knowest the secretes
of my hart, be merciful vn-
to mee, and forgive my sin-
nes, moste deare and
blessed Saui-
our. A-
men.

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of prayers.

The prayer.

O Mercifull God and he-
uenly Father, whether
I sleepe or wake, liue, or dy,
I am alwayes thine.

Wherefore, I beseech thee
heartilye, that thou wylte
vouchsafe to take charge &
care of mee, & not to suffer
mee to perishe in the works
of darcknesse, but to kindle
the light of thy countenance
in my hart, that thy Godly
knowledge maye daylie in-
crease in me, thro:ow a right

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and

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and pure fayth; and that I
maye alwayes be founde to
walk and live after thy will
and pleasure, thowowe Iesu
Ch:ist our Lord and Savi-
our. Amen.

A prayer for the Queene.

O Heauenly Father,
O God Almighty,
whose Kingdome is
everlasting and power infi-
nite, which of thy goodnesse
hast boughsafed to restore
vnto vs of the Englishe na-
tion

of prayers.

tion y light of thy holy Gos-
pell, by thy chosen seruaunt
and Minister Elizabeth our
most gracious Soueraigne
Ladye. I beseeche thee, O
good Lord, so to rule hir hart
that she knowing thy will,
may alwayes incline to doe
the same effectuallye. And
graunt that wee hir Sub-
iectes, duly considering hir
Regall authoritie & power,
which thou hast giuen hir,
may truely and faithfullye,
serue, honour, and humblye
D.iiiij. obey

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obey hie in thee, & for thee,
according as thou hast com-
maunded vs in thy blessed
and holy Worde, thoruowe
Jesus Christ our Lorde: to
whome with thee and the
holy Ghost, be all ho-
nor and glozy, for
euer and euer.

Amen.



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A Psalmie and
Prayer against the
enimies of the Catho-
like Church.

Arise, O Lorde, and
stretche forth thine
hande, the Heathen
are fallen into thyne Heri-
tage : thy holye Temple
haue they defiled, where-
in thou hast put thy name,
and made of it an heape of
stones.

Beholde the dead bodies
of

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of thy seruantes haue they
giuen to the Fowles of the
ayre, to be deuoured : and
y bones of thy Saints haue
they consumed with fire.

Cruellye haue they (on
enerie side) shedde like wa-
ter the bloude of thy Faith-
full : and haue despised to
burie them.

Desceytfull ye haue they
crept into thine habitation:
and with scozne and derisi-
on, haue they (O Lorde)
spoken against thee.

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Even in the midst of
thy Temple haue they (O
Lorde) blasphemed thy name
and haue not ceased to doe
wickedly.

Forget not I beseech thee
(O Lorde) how cruelly this
wicked people haue deuou-
red Jacob thy chosen : and
layde waste thy dwelling
place.

Giue glorie therefore to
thy name (O God euerla-
stinge) and let the venge-
ance of thy seruants bloud
which

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which is shewed, be openly
shewed vpon the wicked in
our sight, that we thy peo-
ple & sheepe of thy pasture
may ioyfully say: blessed be
our God Iehoua, for ever &
euer. Amen.

The Versicle.

Lord utterly destroy thine
enimie.

The Answer.

Which hath polluted thy
sanctuarie.

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of prayers.

The prayer.

Deliver thou vs, O Lord
from these vngodly and
stiffe-necked persons, for thou
seest, that in their heartes
they imagine mischief, and
haue pleasure to cate vp and
deuour thy chosen. Their
tongues be more sharp thā
the sting of Adders, and vn-
der their lippes, lurketh
poyson. But, O merciful
Lorde, let vs not fall into
their handes, leaſt they har-
dle vs after their own will.

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Loke downe from heauen
thy habitation we beseeche
thee, on thy dispersed sheepe
and strengthen our weak-
nesse against their furious
rages: Abate their pride,
asswage their malice, con-
founde their deuises, where-
with they lift vp themselves
against Christ Iesus thy
Sonne our Lorde.

Wee bee not able of our
selues to stand against their
assaultes, except thy vnde-
serued grace & mighty arme
defend

of prayers.

defend and deliuer vs. Ber-
so: me therfore thy promises
made to Iacob thy seruant,
and stop the mouthes of thy
cursed enimies. Call to re-
pentance thy silly sheepe,
and forgiue all those that
wilfully and obstinately re-
bell not agaynste thy holye
Woꝛde. Take also wee be-
seech thee vpon thy poore dis-
persed, which for thy truthe
sake are compelled to wan-
der from place to place, and
ridde them out of their day-

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ly grēuances, that we may
all with one voice & bpzight
heart, and pleasaunt coun-
tenance, extoll and magnify
thy holy name. Amen.

Another Psalmic
and Prayer for the
Church, vnder the bo-
rowed speech of name
of a Vinegarde.

Hearke O thou Shep-
herde of Israel, thou
that

of prayers.

that leadest Jacob like a
flocke of sheepe: howe long
wilt thou be angry ouer the
Prayers of thy people.

In Egypt thou haddest a
Vineyarde, which thou
broughtest among the hea-
then, thou plantedst it there,
and it tooke roote: so that the
whole lande was couered
withall.

Loe, the hilles were coue-
red with the shadowe of it:
and so were the strong Ce-
der trees with the boughes

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thereof.

Marueylous was the increase of it, after it had taken roote: and so was the name of it, among all Nations.

Neuerthelesse, thou haste suffered the hedge therof to be broken downe, so that the wyld Beere out of the wood hath rooted it vpp: and the beastes of the fielde haue deuoured the Grapes thereof.

O Lorde thou O O of Hostes, let them perishe in thy

of prayers.

thy wrath, that thus haue
destroyed and layde waste
this thy pleasaunt Tyne :
whose Braunches sprade
from See to See.

Preuent we beseech thee,
O Lorde, the malicious en-
mies of this thy Tyne : and
so shall we with voyce and
heart, laude and prayse thy
holy name. Amen.

The Versicle.

Turne thee, O God, looke
downe from heauen.

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The Answer.

And beholde y Vineyarde
which thy right hande hath
planted.

¶ The prayer.

Arise, O Lorde, looke
on this thy Vine-
yarde that it be not
deuoured of the wicked ha-
ters thereof. Let thine eni-
mies be scattered, the righ-
teous (O Lorde) make thou
plesant and mery, let them
blow abroad thy magnifi-
cences,

of prayers.

cence, let them sing prayſes
and pleaſaunt ſonges vnto
thee, let them moſt highlye
aduancee thy Maieſtie, let
thy gloꝛye growe, let the
kingdome of Chriſt from
Heauen amonge the cho-
ſen be enlarged : bee thou
(O Holye Father) the
Protector of them, namely,
whom the worlde forſaketh
and purſueth for Chriſtes
ſake. How drie, O Lorde, is
the ſlocke of thine heritage:
Pour downe largelye wee
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pray thee therefore, the Showers of thy grace, that the Church thy Spouse maye be a large Spoule of the conquered Sathan. In thy house, O Lord, let vs dwell in peace and concord: giue vs all one heart, one mind, and one true interpretation of thy Worde, that all that beleue in thee by Christ our Lord, might lift thee vppe with prayles. And giue to thy people cunning and power to withstand sinne, and
to

of prayers.

to obey thy Worde in all
things: Graunt it ~~to~~ be
most mercifull Lorde,
for thy Sonne Je-
sus Christes
sake A-
men.

¶ Here followeth
certaine Psalmes
and Prayers very
profitable to be
exercised.

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C Psalm and
Prayer to God the
Father.

I Doe offer vnto thee
(O holy father) the
sacrifice of laude &
prayse : Rendering
vnto thee (which art most
highest) y bowes of my lips.

Of thy goodnesse O Lorde
thou madest me : and of thy
mercy hast y redeemed me.

Hear therefore y prayers
of thy servant, O Lord, and
tourne

of prayers.

tourne thine eare vnto mee
thy poore Creature, whome
thou hast fashioned & made.

Night and daye will I
praye vnto thee : beseeching
thee, O God, that thy thought
& meditations of my heart,
mai be acceptable afoze thee.

My monthe shall neuer
cease to speake of thy righ-
teousnesse : and my lippes
shall not cease to sette forth
thy laude and praise.

O Lorde & holy Father,
I beseech thee, that the in-
warde

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warde desires of my heart :
may moue and encline thee
to heare mee.

Righteousnesse is thine, &
iudgement is thine : to thee
therefore I accuse my sinful
wayes, y I may coe againe
vnto thy grace and fauour.

Extende not therefore (O
holp Father) thy rodde of
punishment vpon mee : but
shewe on me thy mercy, al-
thoughe my defaultes and
sinnes be many.

Glorie be to the Father. &c.

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¶ The prayer.

Holpe Father, remember not the offences of my youth, but thinke vppon thy great mercyes & couenant made vnto mee in Christe Iesus thy Sonne my onely Advocate and Mediator. He it is (O holpe Father) whome thou diddest sende to be the obtayner of mercie for my sinnes. He was made weak to make me strong. He was woun-

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wounded for mine offences.
He gaue his body to be beaten,
and his Cheekes to bee
stricken. He turned not
away his face from them
that scorned him and spitte
vpon him. He gaue him-
selfe to death for them which
were offenders. Wherof
his loue and mercye he hath
redemed the y were lost:
and by his bloudshedding
on the Crosse he hath paci-
fied all thinges in Heauen
and in Earth. Beholde ho-

uery

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of prayers.

ly ffather therfore, who it
is that thus hath suffered:
and forgiue the sinne that is
redeemed, for this thy sonne
Iesus Chriftes sake: write
in my hart, O Lorde, holpe
father, loue to thy lawe,
and hate to all sinne, that I
may be worthy thoroowe the
merits of his death and pas-
sion, to dwell with him and
thee euerlastingly: to whom
with thee and the holy ghod
be all honour, prayse, and
glozie. Amen.

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A Prayer for the
obteynning of a good
lyfe.

O Heauenlye Father,
G D D Almightye,
maker of Heauen & earth,
and all thinges conteyned
in them, I beseeche thee,
that thou wilt vouchsafe of
thy goodnesse to direct, sanc-
tifie, and keepe my heart &
bodye, my senses, my do-
ings, my talke & communi-
cation in thy holye lawes,
and

of prayers.

and in the woꝝkes of thy
Commaundementes : and
that thy holpe Aungell may
be wth mee, to direct my feet
into the way of peace, truth
and health, that I maye de-
serue to be whole, safe, and
free, in thee, & by thee, both
here and in the woꝝlde to
come. Thou that art y^e Sa-
uour of the woꝝlde, & King
of gloꝝy, heare me and saue
mee, which liuest & reignest
God in perfitte vnitie, woꝝlde
without ende. Amen.

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A Prayer to the
Father, wherein we de-
sire to doe those things
that may please
him.

O Heauenlye Father,
haue thou pittie & com-
passion vppon the weake-
nesse of mee thy vnworthye
Childe, be thou prest & redy
(O Holye Father) to helpe
mee, alwayes shewing thy
mercy vpon mee, and pros-
per thou me in whatsoeuer

of prayers.

I godly goe aboute, so that
thou giuing mee light, I
may see what things are to
be accepted befoze thee, and
thou encouraging me, I may
haue an earnest desire to do
the same, & thou being my
guide I may come wher to
obtaine them: for I hauing
nothing but mistrust in my
selfe doe yelde and commit
my selfe full & wholy vnto
thee alone, which worke
all things in all creatures to
thy honour & glorie. Amen.

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CA Plaine and
Prayer to the Sonne.

I Am ashamed (O
Lord) to lift up mine
eyes vnto thee: be-
cause my finnes,
which are many, are come
before thee.

O thou almightie, to who
all thinges are knowne,
shew on me thy mercy: yea,
euen in the sight of the chil-
dren of men.

Hear me, O Lord, being
peni-

of prayers.

penitent, & home thou hast
hitherto patiently suffered:
to the intent I shoulde re-
pent and amende.

Naked and bare I came
into this worlde, O Lorde:
and naked and bare I shall
returne againe.

My heart doth faint, and
my soule is troubled (O my
God and my Lorde :) and
my strength is al gone from
mee.

O Lorde make strong thy
humble and vnworthie ser-

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naunt, that my love may be
alwayes in thee.

Receyue mee of thy good-
nesse (O Lorde) into thy fa-
uour : and shew thy mercy,
on mee, for thou art merci-
full.

Extende thy gracious fa-
uour toward me : and haue
regarde to my request, and
so shal I reioyce in thy hea-
uenly maiestie.

Glorie be to the Father,
and to the Sonne. &c.

As it was in the. &c.

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¶ The prayer.

Bountifull Iesu, **O**
sweete Saviour, **O**
Christ the Sonne of
God, haue pitie vpon mee,
mercifully heare mee, and
despise not my prayers.
Thou hast created mee of
nothing, thou hast redeemed
me from y^e bondage of sinne
death, & hell, neyther with
golde, nor siluer, but with
thy precious bloude, which
thou offeredst vpoⁿ y^e Crosse
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for all mankinde. Cast me
not away, O Lord, whome
thou by thy great wisdom
hast made, nor let the wic-
kednesse of my youth, de-
stroye that which thy good-
nesse hath builded. Whilist
I am here (O Iesu,) haue
thou mercye on mee, and
whilst I haue time, giue me
thy grace to repent. Look
vpon mee, O Lorde Iesu,
with thy mercifull eyes, as
thou diddest once boughlast
to looke vppon Peter thine
Apostle,

of prayers.

Apostle, that after his example I maye bewayle my unfull life, that obtayning thy fauour, I may die therein. I acknowledge that of my selfe, I haue deserued euerlasting death, but yet I appeale to the highe throne of thy mercy, not doubting but that thou wilt haue mercy on mee: Thou hast O Lorde Iesu, given thy selfe an acceptable sacrifice to thy Father, to appease his wrath, and to bring all

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sin.

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Sinners truly repenting vn-
to his fauour. Accept me
therefore swæte Iesus, tru-
lye repenting my finnes, a-
mong the number of them
which shall be saued, & that
I maye leade a godlye and
innocent lyfe : so that after
this life I maye attaine
life euerlasting, thro-
uol the merits of
thy death and
Passion
Amen.

of prayers.

**A prayer to
Christ our Sa-
uour.**

O My Saviour Christe
Iesu, which diddest
saye, I will not the death
of a sinner, but that he liue
and conuert: vouchsafe I
beseech thee to looke vpon me
most wretched sinner, with
those mercifull eyes, with
which thou once diddest be-
holde and looke vpon Peter
bitterly weeping in y^e court
of

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of Pylate, where with also
thou diddest looke vpon Ma-
rie Magdalen the pe nitent,
at the feast of Simon, like-
wise vpo the Thēse hang-
ing on the Crosse: and cause
me thorow thy great good-
nesse, that I may worthily
bewaile my sinnes, & weepe
with Peter, and with Ma-
ry, to loue thee with a pure
and perfite loue, and wpth
the Thēse that I maye be-
hold and see thee which with
God the F ather and the ho-
lye

of prayers.

ly Ghost, raignest O O D
worlde withoute ende.

Amen.

A prayer to the name of Iesu.

O Bountifull Iesu, O
Swæte Iesu, O Iesu
Sonne of the pure Virgin
Marve, full of mercy and
truth. O Swæte Iesu, after
thy great mercy, haue mer-
cy vpon me. O benigne Je-
su, I pray thee by the same
precious

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precious bloude that for vs
miserable sinners y^e wast
content to shedde vpon the
Altare of the Crosse, that y^e
wilt vouchsafe cleane to a-
uoid al my finnes and wic-
kednesse, and not to despise
mee, humblye calling vpon
thy name. This name Je-
sus, is a swete name, this
name Jesus, is the name of
health : for what is Jesus
but a Saviour : O good Je-
sus which hast created me, &
with thy precious bloud re-
deemed

of prayers.

deemed me, suffer me not to
be dāncd, whom thou hast
made of naught. O good Je-
su, let not my wickednesse
destrope mee, whom thy al-
mightie goodnesse made &
fourned. O good Jesu, re-
knowledge that which is
thine in me, and take clene
awaye that which draweth
me from thee. O good Jesu,
whē time of mercy is, haue
mercy vpon mē, & cōfound
mee not in the tyme of thy
terrible iudgement. O good
Jesu,

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Iesu, if I wretched sinner
for my sinnes haue by thy
very iustice deserued eter-
nal paine, yet doe I appeale
fro thy righteousness, and
stedfastly trust in thine in-
effable mercye, doubting
not, but y thou wilt haue
mercy vpo me like a meeke
Father & merciful Lord. O
good Iesu, what profite is in
my blood, seing I must des-
cende into corruption: cer-
tainelye, they that be deade
shall not magnifie thee, nor
they

of prayers.

they that go downe to Hell.
O good Iesu, haue mercede
vpon me. O swæte Iesu, de-
liuer mee. O moste meeke
Iesu, be vnto me comforta-
ble. O swæte Iesu, accept
mee a wretched sinner, into
the number of them that
shall be saued. O Iesu, the
health of them that belæue
in thee, haue mercy vpo me.
O swæte Iesu, the forgier
of all my sinnes. O Iesu,
Sonne of the pure Virgin
Marie, endue mee with thy
grace,

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grace, wisdom, charitie,
chastitie, and humilitie, and
with stedfast patience in all
mine aduersitie: so that I
may perfectly loue thee, and
in thee be glorified, & haue
my onely delight in thee:
world without ende.

Amen.

A fruitfull
Prayer dayly to
be saide.

O Mercifull Lord Iesu,
I beseeche thee to be
merciful.

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mercifull vnto mee a wretched
Sinner: as for all my
iniquitie and my negligences,
& all my immortifications,
I put them all into
thy most precious wounds.

O Lorde put away all my
sinnnes, washe mee cleane w
thy precious blood, sanctify
mee with thy bitter passion
and death, cleanse me perfectly,
restore againe vnto mee
the innocencie which thou
(O Lorde) gavest mee in
baptisme, that I may truly

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please thee, I worship, and
lawde, and glozifie thee, I
praye and give thanks un-
to thee my Lord Iesu chryst
for all thy mercies and be-
nefits, which thou daily be-
stowest on me. I thank thee
O sonne of the living God,
which for y^e excæding great
charity that y^e diddest beare
towards me, hast vouchsa-
fed to be made man. Thou
wouldest for my sake bee
borne in a stable, and as an
Infant bee wrapped in clo-
thes,

of prayers.

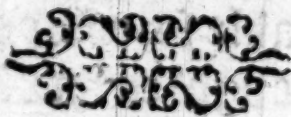
thes, to be swadled and layd
in a maunger, to be fed with
the little mylke of the May-
den and Virgin, thy blessed
Mother. Thou diddest for
my sake suffer needynesse and
pouertie, and many other
agonies diddest thou suffer,
O Lord, for my sake: as to
be appzeended and taken
shamefully, & to be bound
vnworthily, and to be con-
demned vniustly: thus wth in-
numerable sorowes, wast
thou brought to that shame:

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ful death of y^e Crosse, wher-
vpon for my sake thou didst
shedde thy moste p^recious
bloud. Graunt me therefore
moste mercifull Christ, al-
waye to acknowledge thy
great loue and kindnesse to-
warde mee, which hast suf-
fered for me, that I may
after this life, liue
with thee euer-
lastingly.
Amen.



of prayers.

**A Psalme and
Prayer to the holy
Ghost.**

If I haue founde
grace and fauour in
thy sight, O Lorde,
suffer mee a litle to
speake vnto thee, and be no
more angry with me.

O Lorde omnipotent,
which by thy wisdomme ru-
lest all things, giue me thy
holy Spirite, that I being
guided by the same spirite,
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may neuer be confounded.

Haste thee, O God, & comfort the soule of thy seruant: and let thy wisdom which is assistant to thy throne, be alwayes with me.

Nothing is more precious than wisdom: blessed is the man therefore that hath his delight therein.

My God make thou a perpetual being with me: and send down from the throne of thy seate, the dew of thy grace into my heart, that I
may

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may alwayes please thee.

O Lorde, I beseeche thee
therfore, be with me in eue-
rie place, and poure in mee
that most excellent giste of
charitie, without the which
no man is perfit before thee.

Rise vp, O Lorde, and de-
clare thy glory vnto thy ser-
uaunt: and giue from Hea-
uen the spirite of thy wyse-
dome, that I may haue the
true taste thereof.

Encline thine eare there-
fore, O God, that these my

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humble Prayers maye ascende vpon before thee.

Glorie be to the father, & to the Sonne. &c.

As it was in the beginning, is now. &c.

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Holy spirite of God, the thirde person of the deitie, which by thy diuine grace orderest all things: plant in me an insalible knowlege of thy truth
O thou which art called Paracle-

of rrayers.

racletus, the liuely fountain
of the deitie, the fire of cha-
ritie, the finger of Goddes
hande, which enrichest with
taste of thy Worde, pro-
mised, the harts of all faith-
full : breathe into my heart
a pure sayth, to acknow-
ledge thee verie God, God
with the father & the sonne.
Thou heauen folde dispo-
ser of the giftes of God, the
hope of ioy celestiallyl : poure
into my heart the dewe of
thy grace, that being filled
with

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with the sweetenelle therof,
I may obey thy blessed wil.
O thou God eternall, God
equall with the Father, and
the Sonne, make strōg my
soule & body, that I by thy
gracious ayde, maye ouer-
come y^e assalts of my ghost-
lye enemye. O thou onelye
Schoolmaster and guide of
Gods elect : graunt that I
may beleue and confesse the
Father, And his Sonne Je-
sus Christ, with thee the spi-
rit proceeding from them, to
be

of prayers.

be one god in persons thre,
and euerlasting in vnitie:
to whom be giuen for euer-
more, all laude, prayse,
honour & glory.

Amen.

A Prayer to the blessed Trinitie.

O Holy, blessed, and glo-
rious Trinitie, the fa-
ther, the Sonne, and the
holye Ghost, thre persons
and one God, haue mercye
vpon

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upon mee. Lorde omnipotent and everlasting God, without beginning or ending, whome we doe confesse one in trinitie, & three in vnitie: I prayse thee: I worship thee: I glorifie thee, and giue thanks vnto thee, for thy mercifull goodnesse & clemencie, which wouldest that I being in y darknesse of all error and ignorance, should be made partaker of thy grace and mercie. I beseech thee also most blessed
and

of prayers.

and glorious Trinity, bring
to passe y^e worke of thy mer-
cifull goodnesse begunne in
me, and leade me in all ple-
ty and godlinesse, and cause
mee alwayes to thinke and
speake, and do those things
which shall be acceptable in
thy sight, y^e after this life I
may haue the fruition of thy
deitie: which liuest and
reignest God in per-
fite vnitie, worl'd
without
ende.

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A prayer vpon
the Petitions of the
Lodes Prayer.

O Almighty and E-
ternall God, which
vouchsafest that we
as it were thy Heauenlye
Children, should euery one
of vs, call thee our Heuenly
Father: graunt that amōg
vs, by purenesse and exam-
ple of liuing, thy most holy
name may bee sanctified, &
all other nations beholding
our

of prayers.

our vertuous deedes that y
workest in vs, may be stir-
red to blesse & glorify thee.

Graunt, O Lorde, that
the Kingdome of thy grace
and mercy may reigne con-
tinuallye in our heartes, so
that we maye be partakers
of the Realme, of thy glorie
and maiestie.

Graunt that vnto the ve-
rie death wee refuse not to
follow thy deuine will, and
that wee (accozding to the
example of the celestiaall ci-
tizens,

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tiens, agreeing together
quietly) vnited in spirite, all
cōtrouersy in opinions laid
apart, the lusses of the flesh
being subdued, and all flat-
tering assaultes of y^e world,
and the Deuill overcome,
neuer wrastle againste thy
most holy will.

Graunt, O Lord, for our
body needefull sustinaunce,
that we may the more frely
serue thee. We beseech thee
O mercifull Fa-
ther, that Heauenty bread,
the

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the body of thy sonne Iesu
christ, the very fode & helth
of our soules. Giue vs the
bzeade of thy Diuine pre-
cepts, that we may truely
walke & liue in them. Giue
vs the bzead of thy heauen-
ly word, which is the strong
fortresse and sure defence of
our soules, that wæ being
well fedde & filled with this
fode, maye worthisly come
to the celestiaall feast, where
as is no hunger.

Graunt, O Lord, that we

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patiently beare and suffer
our Enimies, and such as
hurt vs, and willingly for-
giue the offences comitted
against vs, that so we may
finde thee (O Lorde) mylde
and mercifull in forgiuing
vs our trespasses.

Graunt, O Lorde, that
we be not vtterly ledde into
temptation, that therby we
shoulde bee lost : but in all
perilles of temptation, and
in the midst of the stormy
tempestes of tribulations,
let

of prayers.

let vs thy childezen perceiue
and feele thy Fatherly suc-
cour ready to helpe vs, least
that we (ouercome with the
naughtie crafts and deceits
of the tempter,) shoulde be
drawne into everlasting de-
struction: but when wee bee
well assayed, approued, and
poured wyth the fire of
temptation, then let vs fi-
nishe our course, and so wel
and valiantlye fight, that
we maye for euermore liue
with thee in that Heauenly

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Citie, where and agaynst
which, no maner of temp-
tation can pꛛuaile.

Finallye, graunt (moste
mercifull Father) that we
thorow the benigne good-
nesse, may be deliuerd from
all euils present & to come,
both of body and soule: and
that at the last, the yoke of
the foule fiend being shake
off, we may possesse the he-
ritage of thy Heauenlye
kingdome, which thy sonne
with his pꛛecious bloude,
bought

of prayers.

bought for vs thy children:
and there for ever to haue
fruition of celeftiall delec-
tations, accompanied with
Angels & blessed Saints,
thorow the helpe, benignity
and grace of our Saviour
Jesus Christ: to whom and
to thee our Father, and the
holy Ghost, be glorie and
honour now and e-
uer. Amen.



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A comfortable
Meditation of the reconcili-
ation and attonement
made by Christ to
God the Fa-
ther.

Almightie GOD,
Father of my Lord:
beholde, the moste
highe & precious thing that
I can finde, the same haue
I offered vnto thee, & thing
of

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of most estimation that I
could finde, haue I humbly
presented vnto thee, which
is thy deare Sonne Christ.
I haue left nothing, but in
him I haue declared it, to
thy diuine Maiestie. There
is nothing remayning that
I may adde more, because I
haue committed and betra-
ken my whole hope vnto
him. I haue, I say, (O holy
Father) sent vnto thee my
Advocate and Spokesman
even thy welbeloued sonne.

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I haue sent thy glorious
childe to be a Mediator for
me: I haue sent him as an
intercessor, by who I trust
to get pardon and forgive-
nesse of my sinnes. I haue
sent (O mercifull Father)
worde vnto worde (that is)
God vnto God, according
to the saying of thine Apo-
stle: In the beginning was
the word, and the word was
with God. &c. which worde
I beleue was sent downe
fro thee for my misdeedes,
and

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and did take vpon him my
humanitie and nature, in y
which he thought not scorne
to suffer buffettes, bondes,
spittings and mockes. Yea,
he toke vpon him to suffer y
cruell paines of the Crosse,
nayles and dart: and after
diuers punishments, gave
vp his most holy spirit, and
was reckned amōg y dead.
Looke merciful father here
vpon thy sonne, whom thou
diddest begette, and bonde-
seruant whom he redeemed.

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Behold here a Creator and
doe not refuse a Creature.
Receiue the shepeherd wel-
comed with a gentle and lo-
uing cosiderance, and mer-
cifully loke vpon the sheepe
whiche he hath brought
home to the ninetie & nine.
Beholde (O Lorde) my
King and my God, which
lyke a good shepeherd, ren-
dresth to thee that which thou
didst commit to his charge.
I was able (O holpe Fa-
ther) by my selfe to offende
thee :

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thee: but I was not able of
my selfe to appease and pa-
cifie thee: If thou therefore
despise me as it were right
for mine iniquitie, yet at
the least wyse, mercifull ye
looke vpon mee for the cha-
rity of thy welbeloued sone.
Looke (O holy Father) vpon
the sacrifice of the flesh,
and pardon the offences of
flesh; and because flesh hath
stirred thee to anger; let
flesh I beseeche thee moue
thee to mercie, that like as
fleshe

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flesh hath seduced and led
me to sinne, so fleshe may
get and obtaine for me, re-
mission for sinne. For cer-
taine it is much that mine
iniquitie hath deserved, but
yet much moze it is that the
goodnesse of my Redæmer
may euen of right require:
Myne vnrightheousnesse is
great, but yet holy Father
his rightheousnesse is grea-
ter: wherefoze most noble
Creator of light, pardon
mine offences, for the misse-
rable

A godly Meditation.

rable traueyles and paines
that thy beloued Sonne did
sustaine. Now I besech thee
(O mercifull Father) let
his goodnesse be set against
my wickednes: his modesty
and temperance, against
my vngacious naughtynesse,
and his meeknesse against
my fierce cruelty, let
his humilitie recōpence my
pride, his patience, myne
impatience, his gentlenesse
mine vngentlenesse, his obedience,
my disobedience, his
quiet.

A godly Meditation.

quietnesse, myne vnquiet-
nesse, his pleasaunt toward-
nesse, my bitter frowarde-
nesse, his swæte facility and
gentlenesse, myne anger &
fretting fumes. To cōclude
O holy Father, let his cha-
rity make amends for mine
vnmmercifulnesse. To whom
with thee and the holy ghost
be all honoz and glozie,
both now and euer,
wozld without
ende. A-
men.
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lyam Seres, dwelling in
Paules Churchyarde at the
signe of the Hedge-
hogge.



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